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# Proteus on NASA mission comes to Yokota

By Staff Sgt. Alan Williams  
Fuji Flyer Editor

On its six-week atmospheric data collection mission, the NASA-contracted aircraft, Proteus, arrived at Yokota March 16 after two weeks at Kadena Air Base collecting data from high altitudes over the East China Sea region.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has contracted Scaled Composites, the company that built the one of a kind aircraft, to collect data over the Pacific Ocean, Orient and the North Polar Regions from Feb. 19 until Wednesday.

For these NASA missions, Proteus is fitted with a pod that carries a prototype weather satellite system that has been integrated with the National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System to form NPOESS Airborne Sounder Test-bed also known as NAST.



photo by Abe Masao

**The high-altitude aircraft, Proteus, sits in Hangar 15 Saturday. Proteus has just finished two weeks of high altitude flights accompanied by state of the art NASA weather satellite system, NAST took**

**digital profiles of weather patterns and tracked pollutants over the East China Sea. Proteus' next stop is Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. There, it will take profiles over the North Polar Region.**

According to Allen Royal, a NASA weather satellite project manager, the information gathered by Proteus and NAST, will likely be used to better predict weather in the future as well as from orbit-

ing satellites.

Using NAST at high altitudes allows NASA to test its resistance to weather conditions that are very similar to those encountered by orbiting satellites.

Proteus, complemented by NAST, "takes vertical profiles of temperature, moisture and air pollutants," said Royal.

NAST uses digital technologies like microwave and infrared monitoring to produce

three-dimensional images of the atmosphere's condition and temperature gradients – an alternative to what some laymen picture – air being scooped into cups or jars for analysis after landing.

Information is actually stored on two computer hard disks that are removed after every flight. The information is then downloaded to a separate unit for transport back to analysts and the disks are resealed in their drives for the next flight.

The unique aircraft has capabilities that other aircraft its size can't match.

Built for endurance flights, the Proteus can fly for almost 20 hours, according to Mike Melvill, Proteus pilot.

The plane almost looks as if it's made of plastic. This is because it is constructed of a carbon fiber weave impregnated with an epoxy resin that effec-

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# 5AF, 374 AW lauded for accomplishments

By Staff Sgt. Alan S. Williams  
Fuji Flyer Editor

Recently, Headquarters 5th Air Force and the 374th Airlift Wing raked in even more recognition for the efforts of their personnel.

Gen. Patrick Gamble, Pacific Air Forces commander, recognized both units with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award last week. The Yokota units are two of only four units awarded the AFOUA this year in PACAF.

Fifth AF was lauded for its efforts while exceeding mission requirements through demonstrations of combat readiness capabilities and mission oriented postures. For the first time ever, the Japan Air Self Defense Force deployed to foreign soil for participation in the bilateral exercise Cope North Guam.

The unit's planning skills set and raised the PACAF standard for future exercises like this.

Also, 5 AF intelligence proved they were an indispensable war-time asset — discovering a new advanced aerial reconnaissance aircraft and subsequently completing exhaustive synchronization while minimizing threats to U.S. and allied aircrews. One of the most effective accomplishments was the Air Force's benchmark of its War Reserve Material program after recommendation by the Air Force Audit Agency.

Additionally, the 374th Airlift Wing

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374th Airlift Wing commander

made its own mark on the command — receiving consecutive "Excellent" ratings during the three immense, intense and invasive inspections known to the command

— the Initial Response Readiness Inspection, the Combat Employment Readiness Inspection and the Unit Compliance Inspection.

"It's absolutely fantastic that the Air Force has recognized the string of successes our people have enjoyed," said Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander.

The wing's "lead or get out of the way" approach also captured one of

three Presidential Quality Improvement Awards — one among only three U.S. Federal agencies to receive this honor.

During the inclusive period the wing inspired and cultivated a intercultural relationship with the people of Japan.

"Air Force Outstanding Unit Award — congratulations to 5th Air Force, 18th Wing and 374th Airlift Wing — Well deserved recognition for all our airmen on the Tip of the Spear!" said Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, 5th Air Force commander.

Air Force personnel assigned to 5 AF Headquarters and the 374 AW anytime between Oct. 1, 1998 and Sept. 30, 2000, the inclusive dates for both awards, are authorized to wear the AFOUA ribbon on their uniforms once proper documentation is submitted to the wing's Military Personnel Flight.

# DOD to pay health care premium for some employees

WASHINGTON — Department of Defense civilian employees serving in the Reserve and National Guard will get help in maintaining affordable health care if called up and deployed in support of a contingency operation.

Under a new personnel policy established by Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz, DOD organizations, agencies and military services will pay the employee's share, in addition to the government's share, of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program premium.

DOD and the Office of Personnel Management worked together in this policy effort to encourage all federal agencies to provide this assistance to employees serving as reservists or National Guardsmen.

"DOD is setting the standard for all federal employers by helping their employees called to active duty for more than 30 days for a contingency operation," Wolfowitz

said. "This policy will help reduce the financial burden incurred by our Reserve and National Guard members when they are part of a call-up."

The deputy secretary has asked the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness to develop specific implementation procedures to ensure consistency among the services and agencies. The policy is expected to be in effect by October.

The policy will affect people who have been called up to support ongoing contingency operations in Bosnia, Iraq, and Kosovo, and those who may be called up for future operations.

During the air war over the former Yugoslavia, more than 1,000 Air Force reservists were mobilized. Most of them came from Air Force Reserve Command KC-135 Stratotanker units, and many of them were federal employees who worked in the unit or other federal agencies.



## 1 week left in AFAF campaign

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign ends March 30.

The theme of the fund-raising event is "Commitment To Caring." Contributors can designate which organization they want to donate to: the Air Force Aid Society, the LeMay Foundation, the Enlisted Widow Home, or the Air Force Village.

AFAF contributions come back to benefit active duty and retired service members and their family members.

Last year, Yokota gave \$47,004.89 to the Air Force Aid Society and received \$213,727.07 in benefits. This assistance included help paying rent, free plane tickets to the States for a funeral, car repairs, money to pay for groceries, grants for dependent children's education, spouse education tuition assistance, free child care, Bundles for Babies, and free car care coupons and phone cards for service members deployed for more than 30 days.

There is one week left in the campaign. For more information, contact your squadron project officer or group representative:

374th Logistics Group, 2nd Lt. Jared Still, 225-6696

374th Medical Group, Master Sgt. Michael Taylor, 225-3648

374th Support Group, 2nd Lt. Oben Jones, 225-2353

374th Operations Group, Capt. Raymond Fiedler, 225-2032

Tenant units, Tech. Sgt. Gary Riches, 225-7577

Wing staff agency, Senior Airman Sara Northington, 225-9554

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tually produces a high-strength low-weight ratio.

Weighing in at 6,000 pounds plus a two-man crew, the plane can carry more than its own weight in fuel. It also has the ability to cruise at higher altitudes than commercial airliners, beating and nearly matching maximum ceilings of some premiere fighter aircraft. Proteus even holds three records for high altitude flight – so far the Proteus has reached a maximum altitude

of 63,000 feet.

During test flights at this altitude the pilots were required to wear pressurized suits due to the dramatic environmental conditions that could cause a person's blood to boil in their veins if exposed to the environment at those elevations. But the craft is only flying at approximately 52-55,000 feet for these missions.

Outside the scope of its current NASA mission, the Proteus is a multi-

mission aircraft capable of telecommunications, reconnaissance, commercial imaging, as well as space launch.

The aircraft is also designed for multiple configurations to meet each of its mission's work and payloads.

Since its inaugural flight in July 1998, the aircraft has completed 125 flights logging more than 600 hours.

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## NEWS AROUND THE AIR FORCE

**Burglary lands Schriever airman in jail:** SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — A five-member jury here sentenced Airman 1st Class Louis D. Hall, accused of burglarizing dormitory rooms, to one year of confinement, reduction in grade to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad-conduct discharge.

Hall, assigned to the 4th

Space Operations Squadron here, pleaded guilty, during a court-martial convened March 8, to one specification of conspiracy, one specification of destruction of government property, four specifications of larceny, and one specification of burglary.

**Federal civilian military leave changes to hourly charge:** ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE,

Ga. — When federal civilian employees who serve in the Selected Reserve use a portion of their 15-day military leave, they will now be charged by the hour instead of by the day.

The change is the result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, signed into law Dec. 21.

Full-time federal employees working a 40-hour workweek will accrue 120 hours of military leave

in a fiscal year, or the equivalent of three 40-hour workweeks to perform active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty for training.

**Women made invaluable contributions to WWII effort:**

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Every year, National Women's History Month provides an opportunity to recognize women's contributions to U.S. history.

Gen. Henry H. Shelton, the

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, says this year's theme, "Women of Courage and Vision," is appropriate for the women who serve and have served in the military.

"This celebration serves to reiterate our nation's respect, admiration, and gratitude for the women who have provided service to our country," he said.

From the American Revolution to Operation Desert Storm, women have been a part of military history.

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## Birth Announcements

**Dec. 2** — James Alexander Arnold, 7-pound 5-ounce son of Beverly and Roger.

**Dec. 11** — Kyle Wesley Winkleblech, 10-pound 2-ounce son of Tauny Woo and Steve Winkleblech.

**Dec. 12** — Kayla Noelle Cronin, 8-pound 8.5-ounce daughter of Leila and Kenneth.

**Dec. 15** — Greg Alan Lackey Jr., 6-pound 15.75-ounce son of Christina and Joshua.

**Dec. 18** — Nathaniel Amir Nero, 7-pound 6-ounce son of Nataarchia and Brolin.

**Dec. 25** — Noah Alexander Sheets, 8-pound 3.25-ounce son of Maria and John.

**Jan. 18** — Britney Nicole Bailey, 9-pound 5-ounce daughter of Helen and Patrick.

**Feb. 8** — Michael Ray McMeans Jr., 6-pound 14.25-ounce son of Dolores and Michael.

**Feb. 13** — Eric Nino Paquin, 7-pound 7-ounce son of Gemma and Kenneth.

**Feb. 14** — Connor Bryant Tipton, 7-pound 7-ounce son of Jennifer and Roger.

**Feb. 15** — Ravielle Eliza Musser, 6-pound 8-ounce daughter of Tisha and Paul.

**Feb. 21** — Timothy Dominic Lorenz, 8-pound 8.26-ounce son of Jennifer and Daniel.

**Feb. 22** — Erika Sade Murphy, 6-pound 8.75-ounce daughter of Vernita and Frank.

**Feb. 23** — Isabella Zamora, 7-pound 6-ounce daughter of Rowena and Joel.

**Feb. 24** — Ahliya Miyubi Bernestene Betterson, 7.75-pound daughter of Yumiko and Thales.

**March 6** — Elizabeth Marie Schaefer, 9-pound daughter of Tammy and Earl.

# Congrats Team Yokota

## Artist Craftsman contest

The following people were base-level winners and went on to PACAF competition: **Margaret Crawford** for sculpture; **Tina Williams** for multi-crafts and textiles, and **Pamela Dunn** for multi-crafts. Crawford and Williams both won at PACAF level, Crawford for her sculpture “Nightmare” and Williams for her multi-crafts project “Kyoto Morning Walk.”

## PACAF photography contest

**Terry Hunter** won in three categories at the PACAF level of competition: military life (“Grand Finale”), people (“Pickin’ Japanese Style”), and nature/scenic (“Buddha Face,” “Tranquility”).

## Young Artists Solo Competition

The following students recently earned awards at the Fifth Annual Young Artist Solo Competition, held by the Yokota Officers’ Spouses’ Club and The Band of the Pacific-Asia:

*Junior high:*  
1st place: **Isaac Branaum**, piano  
2nd place: **Jared Zarmbinski**, flute  
3rd place: **Justin Kanera**, saxophone

*High school:*  
1st place: **Sarah Jones**, voice  
2nd place: **Ashley Crute**, voice  
3rd place: **Cheyenne Coleman**, voice

## Communications awards

The following individuals and teams from the 374th Communications Squadron won PACAF Communications and Information Professionalism Awards for the year 2000:

**374 CS Network Control Center**, General Edwin W. Rawlings Award  
**374 CS**, Information Security System Organization  
**Capt. David W. Snoddy**, Individual Communications and Information Professionalism Award: Company Grade Officer  
**Mr. Isaiah Ravenel**, Individual Communcations and Information Professionalism Award: Senior Civilian.

## Well done awards

**Staff Sgt. Lester Farley Jr.**, 36th Airlift Squadron, recently earned a PACAF Well Done Award. His accomplishments will appear in a future issue of *Flying Safety* magazine.

## Operations awards

The following people recently earned Pacific Air Forces airfield operations awards:

**Gregory Williams**, 374th Operations Support Squadron, civilian supervisory category.  
**Senior Airman Scott Bensberg**, 374 OSS, air traffic controller.

## New commander enroute

**Col. Donald Campbell**, commander of the 605th ASUS, will replace **Col. Mike Klackle** as commander of the 374th Logistics Group here in a few months.

Klackle is moving on to become the special assistant to the director of logistics at Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., in August.

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# Training vital for AES mission in the Pacific



Senior Airmen Tamara Brown, left, and Danielle Mendez, both members of the 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, practice emergency medical procedures on a mannequin during training here. Top right, Mendez practices manually ventilating the "patient."



Story and photos by Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
AFPN

No one understands the importance of a well-trained aeromedical evacuation force better than Staff Sgt. Glenn Kerr. Five years ago Kerr, an aeromedical evacuation technician, was having dinner with friends during a deployment in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, when a loud explosion jolted them out of their seats. Fearing the worst, they immediately rushed back to the base. What they found there were destroyed buildings smoldering from a terrorist attack and a chaotic scene with hundreds of injured people requiring medical aid. With the base clinic overflowing with wounded people, Kerr and other medical staff hurriedly set up a make-shift hospital at the dining facility.

"We were scrubbing wounds, bandaging people, doing chest compressions, providing oxygen, and all kinds of stuff to aid the wounded. I lost count of how many people we treated that night. All I can remember was that it was dark when we started and when we got done it was already daylight. We had our hands full," he said.

After the most serious patients were taken to the local hospitals for treatment. Kerr also helped set-up an air staging facility for patients that were transported to U.S. bases in Germany. He helped carry injured friends and co-workers on litters aboard C-9 and C-141 aircraft.

"Some of us were shaken when we saw

friends hurt," he said. "We were in shock at first but when we started working everything just came together. All that training that most people take for granted like mass casualty exercises really paid off. You realize what you train for."

Now a member of the 374th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Kerr continues to convey to other flyers the necessity of training.

"Being an aeromedical tech is a 'dream job' for me. Any given time you could be anywhere in the world. I love traveling. I love new experiences. It's always a different scenario with this job," he said.

But at the same time he stressed that you always have to be ready. He knows the threat is real and that unexpected things can happen. Kerr coordinates the enplaning and deplaning of patients and operates medical equipment related to patient care. He also assists with administration of the Standardization/Evaluation program for 46 aeromedical evacuation technicians, ensuring enlisted aircrew members maintain established stan-

dards of flight proficiency through observations and flight evaluations.

Capt. Ron Jones, a flight nurse instructor, was an enlisted member when he flew numerous aeromedical evacuation missions, transporting injured people from all over the Arabian Peninsula based out of Thumrait, Oman, to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on a C-130 aircraft, during Desert Shield.

"All of the continuous training we did in our aeromedical evacuation squadron made our job much easier no matter where in the world we were. Our job then, and of course our job now is to save lives," he said. "We're responsible to keep our patients alive under various stresses of flight and at various altitudes. Having a trained crew is important."

A few months ago, he was the medical crew director on a mission that transported a critically burned patient from Yokota to a burn center in the states. The patient had originated from a base in Korea and had nearly exhausted all of the supplies in the Korean hospital when he was evacuated out. That one patient alone took two aeromedical evacuation crews.

One crew to go to Korea to pick him up, and another crew to take him all the way to the States. Jones' crew had managed this patient, along with the burn team, for over 24 hours when the patient finally arrived at his destination. Because of the seriousness of the burn, the patient could not tolerate being ventilated on the mechanical ventilator in the early part of the journey. Jones and his crew ventilated the patient manually for nearly half of the journey to keep him from dying.

"We took turns 'manually ventilating' him until he became stable enough to tolerate the mechanical ventilator again," he said. "The burn team that accompanied the patient was so glad to see us. They're not ac-

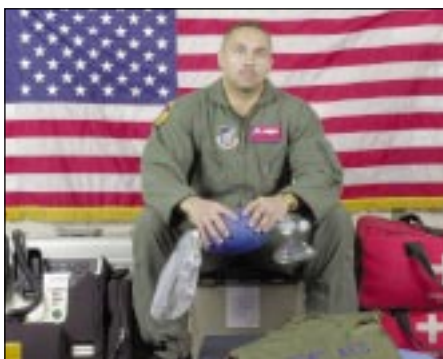
customed to flying as long and as far as we are and they had been with the patient even longer than we had, and they needed rest."

Jones provides aircrew qualification training to new nurses in his squadron. He ensures that the new flight nurses get proper orientation to the training process, and also ground and flight training so that they are able to "qualify" for the aircraft that they fly on. Currently, the goal is to have every crewmember tri-qualified on three different aircraft and certified in one other aircraft.

"That means a lot of training," he said. That also entails having a current flight physical, immunizations, and also knowing all emergency egress procedures and equipment on all of the aircraft. "It could initially be overwhelming to new nurses and technicians that arrive, that is why we have a very structured training program. This is a great job. It's aviation and medicine rolled into one. It's challenging yet rewarding knowing that you helped a patient make it to a better facility to get the care that they need only to return them back home after benefiting from that care. It's all about teamwork, we train, we do our job, and people benefit from it. They are able to return to their jobs, wherever that is in the PACAF area of responsibility, and get back to work. Who knows when anyone of us might call on their services?"

The 374th AES has an area of operations that encompasses the entire Pacific Region, from the North to the South Pole and the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Saudi Arabia. They support the needs of the U.S. armed forces during combat and maintain a well-trained force to meet contingencies and provide both intratheater and intertheater aeromedical evacuation.

They fly six routine missions weekly to Okinawa, Korea, Guam, and around mainland Japan, using C-9A aircraft and a weekly C-141 or C-17 mission to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Medical crews are on alert 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide immediate response to medical emergencies. Last year the 374 AES flew 526 missions and transported 6,774 patients. Aside from a hectic real-world mission, the 374 AES also participates in various exercises including Pacific Nightingale, Pacific Warrior and Cobra Gold.



Staff Sgt. Glenn Kerr, from the 374 AES, provides aircrew training to enlisted personnel here. Kerr provided assistance during the Khobar Tower bombing in Saudi Arabia. The 374 AES provides a mission-ready aeromedical evacuation system for the warfighting commander while ensuring responsive theater patient movement.



Action  
Line

**Q** *The Yokota shuttle bus is very inconvenient for passengers that have luggage. Yokosuka Navy base has a shuttle bus that could drastically improve passenger convenience at Yokota, not only for people that have luggage, but also entering and exiting the bus.*

**A** Thanks for your excellent question regarding the Kanto Express shuttle bus at Yokota. As a matter of fact, we are currently exploring the options of modifying a Kanto Express bus into a different interior seating arrangement which will allow more room for baggage and make passenger access easier. This will entail the removal of all forward-facing seats and the reinstallation of the seats into a "U" shape along the sides and back much like a city bus back in the states. This bus will be used as a test to see how our customers like the new arrangement. I have my staff working on cost estimates now of this modification and should have a plan in the near future. If anyone has any questions about the Kanto Express, please contact the 374th Transportation Squadron commander at 225-9853.

Why do they leave?

By Chief Master Sgt. Joe Lavigne  
15th Air Base Wing career assistance advisor

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (PACAFNS) — What drives enlisted folks out of the Air Force? Why do they stay? What can we do to make the Air Force a more attractive career option? I figure if I had these questions, some others did too. So, I decided to get some answers.

A couple months ago the results of the latest "exit" survey were released. People who are walking out the door complete this survey and their input is pretty candid.

The number one reason enlisted folks are leaving? Availability of civilian jobs.

OK, I can buy that. After all, the economy's been strong for a decade. There are tons of jobs out there, with the unemployment rate the lowest it's been in years. There's even talk about raising the minimum wage! But what about all the "great" jobs people talk about when they're leaving the Air Force. I took a look at Fortune Magazine's "Top 100 companies to work for" to find out what the draw is.

First, I looked at a company called Qualcomm. I'm not a techie, but I think they're one of those high-tech firms that has run a great business the last

couple years. Their growth rate for 1999? Of 90,000 applicants, they had minus 451 positions open up. Not a typo. Negative growth. Starting pay for a senior material coordinator? \$28,000 a year.

Maybe that was a fluke. Next I looked at USAA. They had 44,700 applicants that resulted in minus 163 jobs. Math isn't my strong point, but I think the odds of getting rich might be better in Vegas. The pay is pretty good though. For a customer account professional the starting salary is just \$8,000 less per year than a senior airman with four years service makes.

One more ... Southwest Airlines is one of the top five companies to work for. 144,500 applicants, 1,314 new jobs... Their most common entry-level job pays \$17,000 per year. But if you land a job with them as a programmer/analyst, you can expect to make the same amount a staff sergeant with eight years' service makes.

Maybe the availability of jobs really isn't the answer. Next on the list of reasons enlisted members leave is pay and allowances. Fair enough.

Back to the list of the best companies to work for. We already talked about the pay. American Express prides itself in that 90 percent of their employees give the company

high marks for treating women and minorities fairly. Maybe we should lower our standard to 90 percent.

What about the high-tech world? SAS Institute, a major software developer, has a state-of-the-art fitness center, a clinic and subsidized child-care. I guess they took a tour of an Air Force base when they were laying out their facilities.

Here's another example: FedEx offers 48 hours of professional training a year. Last time I checked, the Air Force probably offered at least that much.

Still no answer I'm satisfied with. So, I looked at the next three reasons that force people out the door. I just got a new set of glasses so I had to look again - no mistake. The reasons are recognition of one's efforts, leadership at the unit level and job satisfaction. Things that don't cost a penny but end up costing us years of experience when people walk out the door.

Unbelievable but true. Those three reasons cause discontent with our employees. I took a look at some startling data from several human resources firms in the civilian sector and found out we're not alone! Lack of recognition and poor job satisfaction are the leading causes for employees to "job hop" on the other side of the fence.



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374th Airlift Wing Commander



DUI Prevention

March 6 - 19 DUIs:	2
Total DUIs in March:	3
Total DUIs in 2001:	11
Record DUI-free streak:	85

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### Movie Theater

The movie schedule is as follows:  
Today — *What Women Want*, PG-13, 6:30 p.m.; *The Mexican*, R, 9 p.m.  
Saturday — *Wes Craven’s Dracula 2000*, R, 6:30 p.m.; *The Mexican*, R, 9 p.m.  
Sunday — *What Women Want*, PG-13, 2 p.m.; *The Mexican*, R, 6:30 p.m.  
Monday — *Wes Craven’s Dracula 2000*, R, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday — *All the Pretty Horses*, PG-13, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday — *All the Pretty Horses*, PG-13, 7 p.m.  
Thursday — *15 Minutes*, R, 7 p.m.  
All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. For information, call 225-8708.

### Commander’s Channel

The Channel 18 schedule is as follows:  
**Family views** — Today through Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Working Parents and Your Preschooler*, from the “Building Blocks for Successful Parenting” series created to give parents real help and real tools they can use right away.  
Thursday, 7 p.m., *Handling Anger, Temper Tantrums and Sibling Rivalry Effectively*, from the “Building Blocks for Successful Parenting” series created to give parents real help and real tools they can use right away.  
**Air Force News** — daily at 3 p.m.

### Power outage

There will be a power outage in the main base and east side areas Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. It will affect buildings: 510, 602, 605, 621-622, 641, 700, 702-704, 708, 714, 733, 760-761, 780, 800, 801, 803, 806, 809, 820, 906, 907, 911, 920, 923, 966, 991, 1301, 1325, 1352, 1368, 1369, 1373, 1374, 1386, 1388, 1389, 1504, 1505, 1585, 4145 and 4350. The work is necessary to reroute the power supply line to Bldg. 703 for the new base operations facility contruction project. In case of inclement weather, the power outage will be postponed to Sunday.

### Strawberry picking trip

The East Youth Center is having a day of family fun at Mother Farm Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Enjoy picking strawberries and more with your children for \$10 per person.

### Services bazaar

Come to the Yujo Recreation Center

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and shop until you drop. They will have all the crafts, gifts, collectibles, toys, accessories, pottery, and china you want and more.

### Auto skills closure

The Auto Skills Center will be closed Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. due to a power outage. The Auto Skills Center will re-open at 9 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 225-7623.

### Buddhist seminar

There will be a Buddhist seminar at the East Elementary School Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The theme is “Happiness for People, Peace for Society.” For more information, call 227-5914.

### Commissary closed

The base commissary will be closed Monday and Tuesday for annual inventory. It will reopen Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. for early bird shopping customers (purchases of 15 items or less) and 10 a.m. for regular customers.

### Customer appreciation

374th Services Division’s third annual customer appreciation week is Sunday through March 31. Pick up a book of rules, prizes and discounts from the Taiyo Recreation Center.

### Appreciation meal

The Samurai Cafe is saluting its patrons with a customer appreciation lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

### Job fair

The Human Resource Office is having a job fair Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yujo Recreation Center. For more information, call 225-3920.

### Free car wash

Come to Vehicle Operations Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and wash your car for free.

### Ski/snowboard trip

Outdoor recreation is having a trip to Oze Tokura Wednesday. For more information, call 225-4552.

### Used book sale

The library invites everyone to come check out the used book sale Wednesday

from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Kids carnival

Enlisted club members can enjoy the Kids Club Carnival Wednesday from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

### Car wash

The Protestant Youth of the Chapel are having car washes from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 31 at the west chapel.

### Skills giveaways

The Skills Development Center is celebrating Arts and Crafts Month with a giveaway a day. Stop by the Skills Development Center and register for a prize each day in the month of March. For more information, call 225-7837.

### Utility receipt deadline

Due to the Japanese fiscal year 2000 ending March 31, all off-base utility receipts paid through that day, must be submitted to Bldg. 314, Room 221 by close of business April 6.  
In the New Special Measures Agreement between the U.S. and the Government of Japan, the off-base utility cost sharing program will be terminated. Receipts submitted after the deadline represent money lost to the U.S. government. Termination of the program will not affect your Living Quarters Allowance and Overseas Housing Allowance.  
For more information, call 225-7958.

### USO China Petes sale

The United Services Organization is sponsoring a China Petes sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the high school cafeteria March 31. For more information, call 225-2087.

### Asian bazaar

The Yokota Officers’ Spouses’ Club is holding the Spring Asian bazaar April 21-22 at Hangar 15. More than 40 vendors will sell merchandise. Proceeds from the bazaar are returned to the Yokota community through donations to the schools, library, clubs and organizations, family and youth programs and Air Force-wide programs.  
Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 21 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 22. Anyone who is SOFA-sponsored and at least 14 years old can volunteer. Volunteers assist vendors with sales and are entitled to early shopping before the bazaar opens. For each hour worked volunteers

earn a chance to win doorprizes donated by the vendors. To volunteer, call 227-5497 or 227-5224.

### Food vendors

Applications are now being accepted from private organizations wishing to sell food items at this year’s Yokota Officers’ Spouses’ Club Spring Asian Bazaar April 21-22. For more information, call Kim Drewry at 227-3848.

### Prayer breakfast

Elder Marcel Williams and the members of the Truth Faith CLGI are having the third annual prayer breakfast at the Yokota Enlisted Club Ballroom March 31 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$15 for 12 years old and up and \$6 for ages 6 to 11. For more information, call 227-6230.

### O’Club renovations

Staring April 1 the Officers’ Club will begin renovations which will last until around April 23. The club will remain open during this time. For more information, call 225-8526.

### Family forum

John Politi, national president of the Air Force Association, will host an interactive forum at 4 p.m. April 2 regarding AFA interests in today’s Air Force. All base personnel, civilian employees and family members are invited. AFA membership is not a prerequisite for attendance.

### Base picnic

There will be a base picnic April 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Synder Field Park on the west side. There will be free food and drinks, a colonels vs. chiefs volleyball game, a squadron commanders vs. first sergeants softball game, and Final Approach will provide dinner music and dancing.

### Family Day

To celebrate the “Excellent” Initial Response Readiness Inspection, the 374th Airlift Wing will have a family day April 6. The only wing services and facilities that will be open are those normally open Saturdays.

### “Anything Goes”

The Yokota High School drama department is performing the play, “Anything Goes” at 7 p.m. April 3-5 in the Taiyo Recreation Center. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 225-5920.

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**WANTED**

**Tanning beds or canopy** — Must be in good condition, without light bulbs is OK, price negotiable. 227-5388.(1)

**Fence** — For 3-bedroom garden, in good condition. 227-5638.(2)

**LOST & FOUND**

**Found** — Camera, at Yokota West Elementary School after cheerleading practice. 227-5338.(1)

**Lost** — Panasonic PV-SD 4090 digital camera at the base gym March 1. 227-3813.(2)

**HELP WANTED**

**Program assistant** — For the 374th Contracting Squadron Relocation Readiness/Information, Referral and Follow-up Program at Camp Zama Army Community Center, from May 1 to Sept. 30. 225-2214 or e-mail nathaniel.scott@yokota.af.mil no later than April 12.

**Dog watcher** — Someone to watch two small dogs at my house off-base by Fussa gate when I go TDY, will pay. 090-7170-1945.(1)

**Child care** — Shift worker needs individual to care for 6-year-old child in my home, if possible, take to and pick up from the East side school. 227-3413.(1)

**Leaders** — English or Japanese speaking leaders to expand an award-winning U.S. company newly opened in Japan. Meet at the Taiyo Recreation Center conference room Saturday at 3 p.m.(1)

**Piano teacher** — \$60 per month. 227-2363.(2)

**Apartment cleaning** — Someone to clean a 2-bedroom tower apartment once every two weeks starting first week of April, could be a part-time job for a reliable student over 16 with parent’s permission, no laundry or dishes, \$10 an hour, max three hours. 227-6011 after March 24.(2)

**Swim coach** — Natatorium is looking for a qualified swim coach for the Stin-gray team. 225-6133.(2)

**Special needs childcare providers** — Family Childcare Office is looking for providers who would like to work with special needs children. 225-8192.(2)

**Substitute teachers** — At Yokota High School, qualifications are high school diploma, 15 semester hours of college credit, U.S. citizen and SOFA sponsored. 225-7018.(2)

**Special education aid** — Canidates must have experience, education and/or training that demonstrates their ability to provide support services to children with disabilities in an educational environment. 225-7018.(2)

**Bathroom/kitchen cleaning** — Two or three days per week for tower apartment on east side. 227-9078.(2)

**Shakespeare fan** — Who can help me read Hamlet or understand the movies related to it, 3,000 yen per hour, in Hamura, 10 minutes from Fussa gate. 070-5560-1035.(2)

**Nursery school teacher** — Looking for an American English-speaking individual to lead an off-base nursery school

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more than two ads per family, per week. Ads will run for one week, possibly longer space permitting. The Fuji Flyer deadline is noon Wednesday the week before publication. For holidays the deadline is noon Tuesday the week before publication.

class two mornings a month, no experience necessary, just enjoy working with kids, must be reliable. 227-2315.(3)

**Acoustic guitarist** — For live performances. 227-6310.(3)

**PETS**

**Dalmatian** — Free to a good home, 2-year-old Dalmatian, neutered and microchipped, shots current, very affectionate, needs lots of TLC. 227-9391.(1)

**Male Sheba** — Free to a good home, 2 1/2 years old, sweet dog with great personality, neutered, has all shots and is microchipped, comes with bed and pet carrier. 227-4204.(2)

**FOR SALE**

**Fish tanks** — 45-gallon hex with light for \$85; 25-gallon with light and graves, \$60. 042-531-7494.(1)

**Printer** — Epson Stylus Color 600, seldom used, \$80 OBO. 227-2691.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Optima battery, red top, \$80; two 12-inch kicker XPL’s, \$250; two 15-inch Cerwin Vega Stealth’s, \$200; set of 16-inch chrome rims, three stars, with low profile tires, \$575. 227-7913.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Japanese kerosene heaters, one for \$100, 3 months old; one 6 months old, \$80; one used one winter, \$50; or all three for \$200; three carpets, only 5 months old, two 6x9, \$30 each; one 9x14, black, \$45; or all three for \$80; ISDN terminal adapter for off-base digital phone line, paid \$250, asking \$150 OBO. 090-7011-6015.(1)

**Pocket PC** — Compaq i-pac H3630, still new, just not being used, \$400. 227-8627.(1)

**Patio awning** — For 4-bedroom garden, excellent condition, \$450 OBO. 227-2668.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Solid wood waterbed set, \$2,400; lawn mower, \$45; gas weedeater, \$25; daybed, \$100; Car Sub, \$80; Technics rack with Bose 501, \$450; Yamaha Sub, \$100, and more. 227-5544.(1)

**Patio awning** — For 3-bedroom garden, \$225 OBO. 227-6036.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Century infant car seat in good condition, \$45; baby stroller in good condition, \$60; bouncer entertainment center, \$35; Ninna Nanna infant front carrier, navy, only used twice, \$65; infant bath ring, \$10; Little Tykes work bench, \$5; Winnie the Pooh activity gym, \$25. 227-3764.(1)

**Air conditioners** — Two 1,800 BTU and one 5,000 BTU air conditioners, all in good condition, \$200. 227-9658.(1)

**Miscellaneous** — Marshall 8100 Valvestate amp, \$150; Marshall Valvestate Design 4x12 guitar cabinet, \$300. 227-8904.(2)

**Miscellaneous** — Entertainment center, \$50; fence, more than 150 feet, \$1,000 OBO; awning for 4-bedroom gardens, \$500

OBO; girl’s Trek mountain bike, \$80; bunk bed, full/twin, \$100; off-road motorcycle tires, \$30; long board surfboard, 10-foot, \$500; 9-foot, \$350; short board, \$400; 10-foot 4-inch Yater Surf Tech Woodie long board, \$1,200 OBO; 10-foot custom Dick Brewer long board, blue tint, red pin stripe, \$1,600; 10-foot hard case for long board by Santa Cruz, \$450; Craftsman tool chest, \$400. 227-4169.(2)

**Air conditioners** — 18,000 BTU Whirlpool, second owner, \$220; 12,000 BTU Hotpoint, second owner, \$130; 10,000 BTU Fedders, original owner, \$160; 8,000 BTU Goldstar, original owner, \$140; all available for \$600. 227-2454.(2)

**Phone line** — \$375 OBO. 042-551-5079.(2)

**Miscellaneous** — Sony Minidisc recorder/player with fiber connections and remote for home system, \$120 OBO; Samsung 13-inch TV/VCR combo, only 2 months old, \$175. 227-4046.(2)

**Miscellaneous** — computer parts: 900mhz Athlon slot A, \$155; internal Zip-100, \$45; 20GB IMB ATA-66 5400rpm hard drive, \$60; PII 266 with motherboard, \$40; electronics: HP Sanjet 5P with SCSI card, \$40; Kenwood 107VR Dolby Surround receiver, \$45; 15-inch monitor, \$40; 6GB hard drive, \$20. 227-4086.(2)

**Baby items** — Jenny Lind changing table, maple brown, used only four months, \$25; Safety 1st lady bug exersauser with toys, \$25; Fisher Price musical garden activity center, \$20; Disney babies music and picture projector, \$5; infant boys clothes, excellent condition, size 3-6 months, up to 12 months, great for someone who had a baby in late January/early Februrary; maternity jeans, size 6 and 8; shorts size S, \$5. 227-5187.(2)

**Computer** — 133mhz Pentium I, 64MB, 14-inch monitor, 11GB hard drive, CD ROM, floppy drive, \$350 OBO. 227-5253.(2)

**Miscellaneous** — Large air conditioner, almost new, keeps lower level of 4-bedroom garden cool in hottest months, \$225; two small window units, \$125 each; porch awning, \$50. 227-2366.(2)

**Miscellaneous** — Camcorder with accessories, \$100; 27-inch RCA TV, \$100; 15-inch PC monitor; Canon printer with new color and black/white cartridges; SCSI scanner, \$10; games, \$1; RCA surround receiver; all items for best offer. 227-3753.(3)

**DVD player** — Panasonic home theater system, 5-disc DVD, CD and video receiver, comes with five Surround Sound speakers and a subwoofer, 4 months old, cost \$650, asking \$450. 227-4146.(3)

**Bed** — Blue race car toddler bed with mattress, in excellent condition, bedding also available, hardly slept in, \$100 OBO. 227-5037.(3)

**VEHICLES**

**1988 Toyota** — Town Ace van, runs great and well maintained, comes with roof rack, netting and tire chains, beverage cooler/heater, new muffler, 85,000 K, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Oct., automatic, A/C, 227-2191.(1)

**1994 Toyota** — Starlet, silver, 4-door, gray interior, well-maintained, new battery, runs great, 38,000 K, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Sept., automatic, power everything, A/C, \$3,500 OBO. 227-2191.(1)

**1988 Nissan** — Silvia, runs excellent, power everything, A/C, sunroof, AM/FM, CD, must see, 227-4724.(1)

**1988 Honda** — Civic, 4-door sedan, black, 85,000 K, automatic, A/C, AM/FM cassette, JCI until Oct., very well maintained, reliable engine, tilt wheel, full tilt rear seats, power windows and mirrors, \$1,295. 224-3435.(1)

**1993 Toyota** — Town Ace, excellent condition, automatic, power windows and locks, A/C, low kilometers, runs great, JCI until May 2002, \$4,500 OBO. 227-9447.(1)

**1992 Nissan** — Pulsar hatchback, gray, 5-speed, JCI until July, power everything, new battery and two tires, great little car, \$1,500 OBO. 227-3132.(1)

**1989 Ford** — Laser GT, twin cam, automatic, CD, new tires, \$550. 227-5544.(1)

**1999 Honda** — Goldwing SE motorcycle, low miles, excellent condition, fully loaded, alarm, Corbin custom seat, 50th anniversary edition, luggage rack, \$14,500 OBO. 263-7417.(1)

**1987 Toyota** — Van with sunroof, JCI until Oct., automatic, power everything, A/C, heat, AM/FM cassette, \$1,000 OBO. 227-2366.(2)

**1987 Toyota** — Carina, JCI until Nov. 2002, automatic, power everything, A/C, heat, AM/FM cassette, \$900 OBO. 227-2366.(2)

**1993 Mercedes** — Benz 420SE, JCI until May 2002, sunroof, TV, CD, power everything, \$5,500 OBO. 227-4957.(2)

**1990 Toyota** — Camry, white, 4-door, power windows, A/C, JCI until July 2002, reliable family car, \$1,700 OBO. 227-5568.(2)

**1991 Toyota** — Chaser, JCI until May 2002, automatic, V-6, power everything, 17-inch rims, \$2,300 OBO. 227-4960.(2)

**1990 Nissan** — Bluebird, very nice interior and exterior, power steering, brakes, windows and locks, A/C, great family car, \$1,100 OBO. 227-4408.(2)

**1989 Toyota** — Town Ace SuperExtra van, JCI until Aug. 2002, automatic, A/C front and rear, runs great, reliable, \$1,300 OBO. 227-7334.(2)

**1991 Honda** — Ascot, 4-door, automatic, JCI until March 2002, \$2,000 OBO. 227-5112.(2)

**1994 Mitsubishi** — Sports model,

black, AM/FM cassette, power windows and door locks, automatic, new battery, brakes and JCI, runs great, \$2,500 OBO. 264-6424.(2)

**1995 Honda** — XR250 Baja motorcycle, \$2,500. 227-2279.(2)

**1988 Nissan** — Homey van, \$800. 263-7978.(2)

**1992 YZR200** — Dirt bike, in good condition, \$800. 263-7978.(2)

**1987 Subaru** — Samber Try, 4-wheel drive, JCI until Oct., silver, good running condition, good for carrying large items, must see, \$900 OBO. 042-557-3537.(2)

**1994 Mitsubishi** — RVR, automatic, power everything, JCI until Aug., recent tune up, excellent condition, \$3,200. 227-8191.(2)

**1988 Toyota** — Tercel, 2-door hatchback, JCI until Oct., 41,000 miles, tires with 8,000 miles, A/C, air filtering system and radio, runs well, \$899 OBO. 227-2244.(2)

**1992 Honda** — Vigor, JCI until Feb. 2003, good condition, runs smooth, clean interior, power everything, Carozzeria AM/FM, CD, cassette with remote, 10-CD changer, alloy wheels, cruise control, dark gray, automatic, \$2,700. 227-4428.(2)

**1991 Nissan** — Skyline, GTS-t, HCR32 turbo charged inline 6, automatic, Pioneer MD deck and speaker system, A/C, power everything, well maintained, very reliable, \$2,950 OBO. 227-3958.(2)

**1990 Nissan** — Pulsar, 42,000 K, automatic, A/C, power windows, locks, mirrors, JCI until Aug. 2002, \$1,600 OBO. 227-3958.(2)

**1989 Honda** — Prelude, black, clean, strong running, 4-wheel steering, ABS, low mileage, two years JCI, \$2,000. 227-2454.(2)

**1985 Toyota** — Lite Ace, available mid-April, clean, good condition, nice family car, two years JCI, low price, \$1,500. 227-2454.(2)

**1989 Honda** — Accord, good condition, JCI until June 2002, sunroof, power windows and locks, A/C, AM/FM cassette, \$1,500 OBO. 042-551-5079.(2)

**1989 Nissan** — Maxima, 4-door, power everything, well-maintained, extremely reliable, JCI until May, priced to sell, \$800. 227-9109.(2)

**1991 Toyota** — Carina, 4-door, gray with dark interior, sunroof, AM/FM cassette, JCI until June 2002, in great shape, \$2,500. 227-4445.(3)

**1988 Mercedes Benz** — 190E, charcoal, A/C, sunroof, power everything, Eibach suspension, Pirelli tires, Premium rims, JCI until Sept., \$5,500. 227-8904.(3)

**1989 Toyota** — Levin, JCI until Dec., 2-door, power everything, A/C, automatic, sunroof, adjustable suspension, excellent condition, \$1,300 OBO. 227-7334.(3)

**1992 Nissan** — Terrano, 4-wheel drive, automatic with power options, AM/FM cassette, A/C, JCI until July 2002, in excellent condition, \$4,500 OBO. 227-4152.(3)

**1987 Suzuki** — GSXR-1100, U.S. model and specs, 140hp plus, blue/white with leather jacket, many new parts and extra parts, \$1,500. 227-9444.(3)

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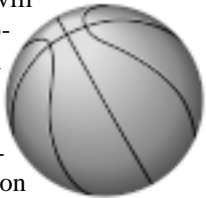
“Quotes”  
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“It’s not politics, it’s just who you know.”

Paul Guanzon, sportscaster, when asked how one can get started in the broadcasting business

**World Karate Grand Prix:** Get free tickets to the World Pro-Karate Grand Prix and International Friendship Exchange Sunday at the Yujo Recreation Center, The Main Fitness Center, the Natatorium, The East Youth Center, and the West Youth Center.

**Basketball court closed:** The basketball court in the main fitness center will be closed today through Sunday for the Noncombatant Evacuation Operation exercise.



**St. Patrick’s Day 5K:** Alan Anzai took first place with a time of 19:24. He was followed by Satoshi Yoshida, 19:59, and Stephen Cole, 20:15.



Kristin Achenbach clenched first for the women with a time of 21:38. She was followed by Gayle Thomas, 23:02, and Christina Williams, 24:51.

**Strength training class:** The main fitness center is holding a strength training class to familiarize military personnel with equipment use and training benefits. Two 1 1/2 hour courses start at 1 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 225-8881.

AMERICA'S AIRLIFT FORCE IN THE PACIFIC

# FUJI SPORTS

## Wing fitness day

By Staff Sgt. Jeff Loftin  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The wing took time out March 16 to run, do aerobics and workout during the quarterly wing fitness day.

Col. Mark Zamzow, 374th Airlift Wing commander, sponsored the event to keep the wing fit and get them in the mindset of living a healthy lifestyle.

According to Maj. April Chase, Health Promotions flight commander, the goal of the event was to get everyone involved - 100 percent participation.

“The fitness center sponsored a 5K run at Yokota Field,” said Chase, “but otherwise people were asked to do something aerobically for 30 minutes. Those TDY and on leave could participate.”

Five units on base achieved 100 percent participation. They were: the 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, 374th Contracting Squadron, the 374th Operations Group, the Band of the Pacific-Asia and Air Force News.

The next wing fitness day is scheduled for June.

**Far right, Airman 1st Class Omar Carrion, from the 374th Medical Group, runs with his unit’s flag during the wing fitness day March 16. Right, Master Sgt. Delroy Whittaker, 374th Services Division, took first in the 5K run with a time of 20 minutes 32 seconds. Bottom, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Nixon, Senior Master Sgt. Marjorie McNichols, Tech. Sgt. Barbara Schleckser and Senior Airman Claire Duffy represent the 374th Supply Squadron in the run.**



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